

CARNFORTH
URBAN DISTRICT.

**Medical Officer's
Report,**

For the Year 1909.

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To the Chairman and Councillors
OF THE
Urban District of Carnforth.



Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my report for the year ended 31st December, 1909.

Population. The estimated population for the year is 3,200.

Deaths. Total number of deaths during the year is 42, equal to a death rate of 13 per 1,000 of the population.

Of the deaths registered during the year—

- 10 were under 1 year
- 4 were over 1 year and under 5 years
- 4 were over 5 years and under 15 years
- 1 was over 15 years and under 25 years
- 11 were over 25 years and under 65 years
- 12 were over 65 years of age

Causes of Deaths. Of the deaths certified during the year, 3 were from Premature Birth, 3 from Cerebral Degeneration, 2 from Acute Bronchitis, 6 from Senile Decay, 6 from Heart Diseases, 1 from Laryngitis, 1 from Meningitis, 1 from Tubercular Tonsillitis, 2 from Pneumonia, 2 from Whoopingcough, 5 from Phthisis, 1 from Bronchiectasis, 1 from Gastric Catarrh, 1 from Marasmus, 1 from Muco Enteritis, 2 from Convulsions, 1 from Scepticœmia, 1 from Status Epilepticus, 1 from Spinal Disease, and 1 died from the results of a railway accident.

Notice has been given to me of the deaths of four inhabitants of Carnforth, which occurred in institutions outside your district.

The number of deaths of infants under 1 year—10, equal to an infantile death rate of 133·3 per 1000 of births registered.

Total number of deaths during the year 1908, 44 equal to a death rate of 14 per 1000 of the population.

Births. Total number of births during the year 75 (36 males and 39 females), equal to a birth rate of 23·4 per 1000 of the population.

Total number of births during the year 1908, 68 (32 males and 36 females), equal to a birth rate of 21 per 1000 of the population.

Zymotic Diseases. During the year 6 cases of Scarlet Fever were reported. All the cases were treated at their homes with a satisfactory result.

During the year 1908, 8 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified.

Sewers and Sewage. No new Sewers have been laid during the year.

The Sewage of the district is disposed of by running into a settling tank, the liquid running into the river Keer which is a tidal stream. The sludge is used for agricultural purposes. Periodical flushing of all sewers is regularly carried out by means of emptying a ton of water from the water-cart through a twelve inch valve down the manholes. The house refuse is deposited in ashpits, and is removed by contract made by the Council, which requires that each ashpit be emptied every six weeks, or more frequently if required. It is disposed of by being tipped upon the ground purchased by the Council for that purpose.

Systematic Inspection of the district has been made by me during the year, and the result given to the Council in the Medical Officer's Visit Report Book.

Factories & Workshops. The different factories and workshops have been regularly inspected and all are kept in a thoroughly sanitary condition and answer the requirements of the Act.

Bakehouses. There are two bakehouses in the district, both are partly above ground, are properly ventilated and well kept.

Slaughterhouses. The three slaughterhouses in the district have been regularly inspected, are kept clean and in perfect sanitary condition.

Lodginghouses. There is no common lodginghouse in the district.

Dairies and Cowsheds. The dairies and cowsheds have been inspected by me and are all in a sanitary condition.

House Accommodation. I consider the house accommodation of the working classes very satisfactory. Special care having been taken by the Sanitary Inspector to the sewers of all new houses, and that the houses are perfectly fit for habitation before they are occupied.

Hospital Accommodation. The Isolation hospital is an iron structure situated at Crag Bank, and has two wards, each to hold about six beds. There is a separate room for two nurses, a caretaker's detached residence, and the necessary out-buildings. It is built on a very good and dry eminence and is well isolated.

Water Supply. I consider the Water supply satisfactory and pure. It is obtained from the Carnforth Water Co's reservoir, situate at Withets; the gathering ground for which is partly of a peaty and partly of a sandstone nature consequently the water is not hard, and is good for all domestic purposes.

The water passes through a system of Carbon Filters before being disposed of to the district.

In addition to the ordinary water supply the Company have made arrangements with the Manchester Corporation to obtain a supply of water from their mains if the ordinary supply fall short.

Nuisances. There has not been any notice of Nuisance served during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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Medical Officer of Health.

March, 1910.

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